U. H. J. easy and Successfull. It is unnecessary to Add anything to Annimate your Zeal in the Execution of his Majestys Orders on this Great Occasion, where the future Safety and Welfare of America, and of your own Province in Particular are at Stake and the King Doubts not from your known Fidelity and Attachment, that you will employ your self, with the utmost Application and Dispatch in this urgent and decisive Crisis I am Sir Your most Obedient

Humble Servant Wm Pitt.

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New York Dec. 13. 1758.

The King having been Pleased to Appoint me Commander in Chief of his Majestys Forces in North America and having at the Same time Signified to me his Royal Pleasure, that I should correspond with, and apply to all his Governors on the Continent for their aid & Assistance in carrying on the Services Pointed out to me, I am in obedience to those Commands, to Acquaint you, that Altho I have not as yet any Particular Orders relative to the Operations of the ensuing Campaign Immagine they will require the Same Number of provincial Troops that were voted by the respective provinces and Colonies this Year; and it will Likewise be Necessary in order to Carry those Operations the more effectually into Execution that those Troops should be at the Place of Rendezvouz as early in the Spring as possible: I would therefore recommend it to you if the Troops raised by your Province for the Services of Last Campaign, are not already disbanded that you would move your Assembly to Continue them in their pay during the Winter which will not only be a great saving in Point of time, but by what I can understand a great Saving of expence to the Province Wherefore I shoul hope you will the more easily Succeed in your application but if it should so happen that before the receipt of this Letter those troops had already been Disbanded, In that Case I must Desire that you will Loose no time in using your Influence with your Assembly to move them to order new Levies and to Cause these to be provided with the usual Necessaries and to be ready by the time the Season will Admit their Taking the Field

Having also received his Majestys Orders to recruit and Compleat the Regiments now serving on the Continent, I am likewise to beg your Countenance and Protection to the Officers I shall have Occasion to send, as well as to those that have Already been sent by my predecessor, on that Service, and that you will be Aiding and Assisting unto them in the Execution thereof

I am with great regard, Sir your most Obed.t Humble Serv.t Jeff Amherst